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I'm sure this issue will arrive significantly later than usual. I was a philatelic judge at the Royal Canadian Royale in late June, and when I arrived home my wife was in the hospital, having received an artificial hip as the result of a freak bicycle accident. Her recovery has limited my time at the computer, where I set each issue.

Therefore, this issue is a good month late. I am sorry about that, and can only plead that it is the first time in 25 years that something like this has happened.

Some of our stalwart contributors have taken a short, I hope, vacation from writing articles, so you will find things from only two or three of us in this issue. Come, on - folks, let's hear from you!

#### Security Printers Guide

\$5 in looseleaf form

Order from William G. Kanowsky,  
Unit 103, 1100 Erie Ave, Evansville, IN 47715

The Guide can also be downloaded or printed from the ASCC website, free.

## Our Website

If you have tried to go to our website at [www.ascheckcollectors.org](http://www.ascheckcollectors.org) you will not have found it. Dick Naven's internet service provider did as they said they would do, and took it down without further notice.

Since we did have some warning, I duplicated its function at the site where it resided before Dick created the one at [ascheckcollectors.org](http://ascheckcollectors.org). The new site is at <https://asccinfo.com> though you don't need to type in the <https://>.

The new site has most of the same functions as the old one. You can still pay your dues (and make contributions) through PayPal using it. The Check Collector Index is there, as is the Security Printers Guide.

There are even more back issues of The Check Collector on this new site than there were on the old one, and we are making everything other than the last five years of issues open to anyone, as many other hobby magazines are.

For now, if you want to have access to the Members Only area with the last five years' issues, use the simple password `ascc` - all lower case letters. This is likely to change in the near future.

Use the menu at the right on this site. I've tried to put things in meaningful groups so you can find them more easily. If I've left anything important out, please let me know.

So, for an indefinite time forward, it appears that I will be Webmaster.

Bob Hohertz

## Biased Banking

By Don Woodworth

The vast majority of Type X revenue stamp imprints appear horizontally upon the documents on which they appear and, if not horizontal, appear vertically at 90 degrees to horizontal. They are almost always located in the center of the document, though they can sometimes be found at the left or right end of a document, usually to ensure that a vignette is not obscured by the imprint.

On rare occasion, a more unusual variation will crop up. The RN-X7d(a) variety, however, is peculiar in that the imprint is deliberately printed on a bias of roughly 45 degrees to the horizontal. There is no known reason for this – it just “is.” The imprint was likely printed on a bias so as not to obscure the image of the bank printed in the center of the check but

there is no reason that it could not have been printed ninety degrees to the horizontal at either the left or right end of the document. For whatever reason, the printer chose to print the imprint at a 45 degree angle, thus creating an interesting sub-type of the ubiquitous Type RN-X7.

The Scott Specialized Catalog of U.S. Stamps and Covers® lists a Type RN-X7d variety to indicate an imprint that is printed vertically on a document. There is not an official Type RN-X7d(a) - this convention was adopted by the vendor of this item and subsequently used by the author as a convenient way to indicate that a revenue imprint that would otherwise have been printed vertically was actually printed at a 45 degree angle.



Figure 1. Check written on the State Street Savings Loan and Trust Company of Quincy, IL on March 1 1901 by Mr. Frank W. Osborne and payable to Mr. E. J. (Edward Jarvis) Parker. Note the revenue stamp imprint appearing at an unusual 45 degree angle.



This variety is known only on checks and drafts of the State Street Savings Loan and Trust Company of Quincy, IL. Figure 1 illustrates the check issued by the State Street Savings Loan and Trust Company and the subject of this article. I am not aware of a census of this variety but suspect that they live in the area that could be called “scarce.” My experience suggests that they tend to sell in the \$60.00-\$80.00 range, making them not necessarily common but also not so expensive that anyone wanting to acquire one could do so without the threat of bankruptcy. (-:

There is also another bias involved with this article. It involves a shameless bribe to an ASCC member from Quincy, IL who had let their membership lapse but agreed to renew in exchange for this article on an interesting check from their hometown. The leadership of the ASCC will stop at nothing to preserve and encourage membership! (-: (-: (-:

For those who may be unaware, Quincy, IL is a Mississippi River town of about 40,000 people in northwestern Illinois. The Downtown Quincy Historical District contains a multitude of handsome Victorian and early 20th century buildings, among them the re-purposed State Savings Loan and Trust Company building located at 428 Maine St.



Figure 2. Current photograph of the re-purposed bank<sup>1</sup>

opposite Washington Park in downtown Quincy. The bank is the subject of this article.

But first, a small aside. I recently did a presentation for the Webster Groves Stamp Club in suburban St. Louis, MO on the subject of Victorian architecture on revenue stamped paper (RSP), of which I have many examples in my collection. My going-in assumption was that the images of banks on RSP were generic examples taken from engraver's stock books. Research on the presentation revealed that, in every instance of the 30+ items I showed, the engraving on each item of RSP was that of the actual bank involved. So much for my theory!

Figure 2 is a close-up of the vignette of the bank printed on the check. Figure 3 is a current illustration of the bank building. The building has a five-bay facade, with three bays on the original portion and two on the addition. The bays are each marked by a window with a thick stone arch. The original section is topped by a large front-facing gable, providing for attic space above the second story. Readers who compare the illustrations in Figures 2 and 3 will find them to be in total agreement.

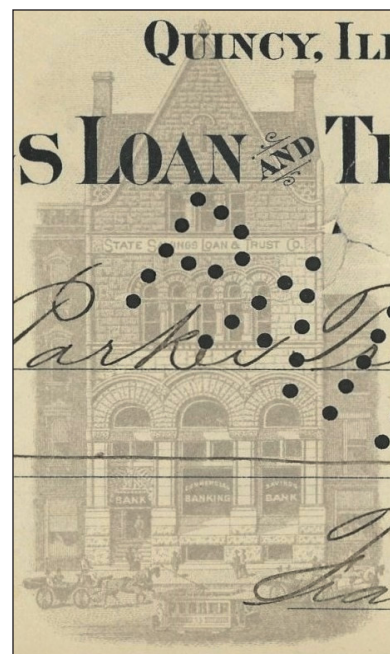


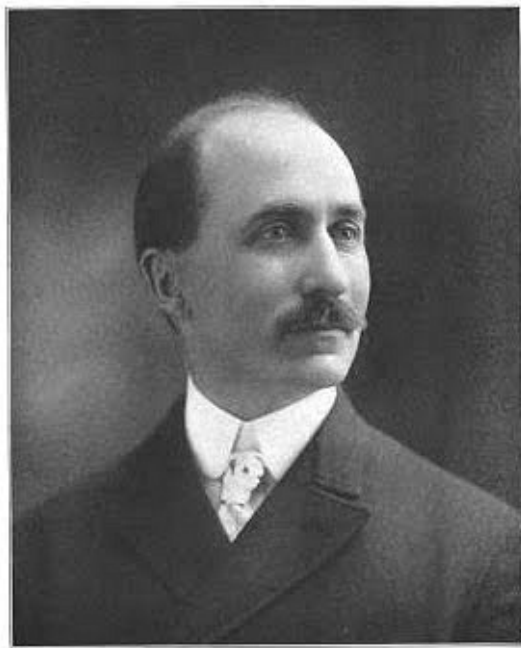
Figure 3. Vignette of the bank as printed on the check shown in Figure 1. Note the close correspondence between the vignette and the photograph.



**State Street Savings Loan and Trust Company**

The State Street Savings Loan & Trust Building is an example of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture and was constructed in 1892 by Chicago architects Patton & Fischer at 428 Maine Street in Quincy. It was built at the direction of brothers Lorenzo and Charles H. Bull, who were prominent Quincy businessmen and community leaders. In 1906, an extension was made, designed by local architect Ernest M. Wood.<sup>2</sup>

The bank suffered following the Depression and was nearly demolished before being bought by George M. Irwin in 1964. Mr. Irwin renovated the structure and converted the lobby to retail space which currently functions (2018) as a café and art gallery. The former bank building was added to the National Register of Historic Places on Mar 23 1979. In Jan 2000, the structure served as the backdrop to President Bill Clinton's visit to Quincy.



FRANK W. OSBORN

Figure 4. Photograph of Frank Wesley (F. W.) Osborn.<sup>4</sup>

**Frank Wesley Osborn**

The Osborn family was prominent in the Quincy area from the mid-1840s onward. Mr. Osborn's grandfather, H. S. Osborn, came to Quincy from England in 1846. He quickly became heavily engaged in flour production. His "Eagle Mill" was at one time the largest flour mill in the Quincy area. He was also interested in the river packet lines before the days of railroads. He served two terms in the city council, representing the First Ward. At various times, he was president of the Blessing Hospital Association, trustee of the Woodland Orphans' Home, director of the First National Bank, director of the Quincy Gas Light & Coke Co., director of the Quincy Paper Co., and president of the Quincy Coal Co. His busy life ended in California in 1895. His body was returned to a handsome tomb which he erected in Quincy's Woodland Cemetery several years before his death.

Charles C. Osborn, son of H. S. Osborn and father of Frank W. Osborn, came to Quincy as a child with his father and lived there most of his life. He married Mollie R. Arthur on April 18, 1864. He was at one time engaged in the flour milling business but, due to failing health, disposed of this business and purchased and managed a fruit farm east of the city for several years. Regaining his health, he returned to Quincy and was made superintendent of the Quincy Coal Co. He became president of the company upon his father's death.

Our protagonist, F. W. (Frank Wesley) Osborn was the third generation of his family to live in Quincy. He was born there on Aug 24, 1867 and died at age 78 in Kansas City, MO on Jul 12 1946. He was described as being almost six feet tall and weighing 170 lb., quick on the uptake, highly competent, affable, and highly social. Figure 4 is a photograph of Mr. Osborn.<sup>3</sup>

After completing his common-school education, he took a course in the Gem City Business College. He began work for the Quincy Coal Co. in 1884 at 17 years of age and advanced rapidly. In order to make his business education more complete, he took up the study of law and graduated from Chaddock College in Quincy in 1897, earning the degree of LL.B., and also a gold medal for having prepared the best law thesis of the class.

He married Jennie Bethany Hull on Aug 24 1888. Jennie was born in Pike County, IL on Feb 18 1868 and died at age 85 in Kansas City, MO on Jan 12 1954. In his later years, Mr. Osborn engaged in the real estate loan business in Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn were both active in the Methodist church. They had two children – a daughter Neva who died in infancy and a son Arthur who lived until age 72. Mr. F. W. Osborn became secretary, treasurer, and active manager of the Quincy Coal Co. and secretary and treasurer of the Farmington Coal Co., the business of the companies aggregating a heavy volume and covering a wide extent of territory.<sup>4</sup>

During the several years following the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, there was a depression in the Illinois coal business as well as in other areas of business. Up to this time, the larger part of the stock of the Quincy Coal Co. was owned by Boston capitalists. With the decline of dividends, the stockholders became restless and wanted to unload their holdings. Mr. Osborn and his father quickly arranged to buy all of the stock, and by intensive management increased the firm's business until, within 5 years, dividends received from the company's earnings equaled the entire amount paid for the stock.

The tonnage generated by the company at Quincy was for many years the largest of any concern feeding business to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Their coal company gained a reputation as the "Old Reliable" for not only furnishing the best qualities of coal at competitive prices and for protecting its customers in times when coal has been scarce, such as during strikes and extreme weather.

The Osborn's owned a pleasant home at No. 809 Spring Street in Quincy. In 1898, Mr. Osborn and his wife visited Europe. Being a skillful amateur photographer, he secured an interesting collection of foreign views.

Mr. Osborn was a member of Vermont Street Methodist Episcopal Church; Bodley Lodge, A. F. & A.M., the Young Men's Christian Association, Quincy Council Royal Arcanum, and Quincy Council of the National Union, and at one time or another held important official positions in all of these organizations. He was one of the charter members of the Quincy Country Club and was president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Osborn was a Republican, and although never having placed his name in nomination for office, took an active interest in political affairs.

### **Edward Jarvis (E. J.) Parker**

Today (2018), many people in the Quincy area visit Alaska at least once to see the mountains, fjords, wildlife, and native culture and history. Few travelers visited Alaska in the 19th century, but Edward Jarvis (E. J.) Parker and his second wife, Elizabeth Goodwin "Lizzy" Bull, did so in the summer of 1895. They traveled on the Queen, one of the earliest Alaskan tourist steamers.

The naturalist and explorer John Muir visited Alaska in 1879 and wrote about the beauty and wonder of the region. It is likely that the Parkers read about that well-publicized expedition, but few Americans traveled there to see for themselves. The Parkers visited before the famous Klondike Gold Rush of 1897 and the equally famous two-month scientific, artistic and literary expedition of Edward Harriman in 1899. The Harriman expedition included the photographer Edward Curtis, John Muir and many other Easterners. Their expedition went as far as Siberia.<sup>5</sup>

E. J. Parker was born in Hartford, CT in 1842. He came to Quincy in 1863 to work with the banking firm of Lorenzo and Charles H. Bull, known as the L. & C. H. Bull Bank, later to become the State Street Savings Loan and Trust Co.

He was a successful businessman who also was treasurer of the Quincy, Omaha & Kansas City Railroad Co., director and secretary of the Quincy Paper Co., and a director of the Quincy Street Railway Co. Though not a signatory of the articles of incorporation, he was on the first board of trustees for the Charitable Aid and Hospital Association (Blessing Hospital) in 1877. In Quincy, Mr. Parker was known as one of the founders of the Quincy Park System, which began in July 1888 as the Quincy Boulevard and Park Association.

Mr. Parker was first married in 1868 to the daughter of Quincy lawyer Nehemiah Bushnell. Mrs. Parker was active in the community and served on the executive committee of Blessing Hospital in 1878. She remained involved with the hospital until her death in October 1885. As a widower, Parker traveled west to see Yellowstone National Park, which had been designated the first U.S. national park in 1872.

Parker re-married in September 1888 to Lizzy Bull (1847-1929), the daughter of Lorenzo Bull. Lizzy Bull was a friend of the family who was on the executive committee of Blessing Hospital with the first Mrs. Parker, who was her aunt. Lizzy was treasurer of the committee from 1878 to 1881. Later, she was president of the executive committee and played a significant role in starting the training school for nurses in 1891.<sup>6</sup>

The Parkers traveled extensively, to the "Pacific slopes," as stated in the Quincy Daily Journal in 1889 and sometimes to the East Coast to enjoy the Atlantic Ocean. Their trip to Alaska in 1895 must have been arduous, as that part of the world was not easy to visit.

The Parkers' trip to Alaska began in July on the Canada Pacific Railroad. Along the route, they visited Glacier National Park, which was adjacent to the railroad route and was established in 1886. They went on to Victoria, British Columbia, where they boarded the steamer Queen. Most voyages on the Queen took 11 days to sail up and back, viewing and visiting the towns on the Alaska coast. Their entire trip lasted five weeks.

The Parkers saw only about 200 miles of the coastline, stopping at Mission Station, Juneau and the Muir Glacier, among other points of interest. Alaska at that time had few primitive roads, no railroad, and no national parks. Most travel was by steamers with winter travel by dogsled. The Presbyterians had been in Alaska since the 1870s, although the first missionaries were from the Russian Orthodox Church. Parker cites the Presbyterians for doing "excellent work." Of the glacier, he said, "It is simply indescribable. It must be seen and heard to be appreciated."

On their way home, the Parkers visited two national parks, Yosemite, which became a national park in 1890, and Yellowstone. Parker had previously visited but felt the parks were much improved with the wildlife returning after the government established stricter rules for hunting game. The couple toured Yellowstone by riding 150 miles



in a stagecoach. Even though the Parkers had been pioneer travelers to Alaska, upon arriving home, E. J. Parker told the newspaper reporter, "... if one can visit but one place, that place should be Yellowstone Park of all the places in the world."

Mr. Parker died in late February or early March of 1912, his funeral being held on Mar 4 and attended by approximately 1,000 people.<sup>6</sup>

### Epilogue

The printers at the Gugler Litho. Co. of Milwaukee, WI must have had a fun time printing checks and drafts for the State Savings Loan and Trust Co. of Quincy. Either the bank could not decide upon a definitive preferred format or they gave the printer free rein to play with formats.

My friend and our editor Bob Hohertz shared two additional drafts that illustrate this point. Both were written on the Merchants National Bank in Chicago, IL but were printed in significantly different formats. Figure 5 shows a draft dated Jan 20 1899 with the revenue imprint and vignette of the bank in what could be considered traditional positions. Notice that the name of the correspondent bank is printed in all capital letters and that there is a line below the name of the Quincy bank reading "Successors to L. & C. Bull." Figure 6 shows an undated draft printed in the same manner as the check about which this article was written – with the exception that the vignette is printed in a gray-green color instead of the gray of the check, and, the name of the correspondent bank is printed in sentence case instead of all capitals.

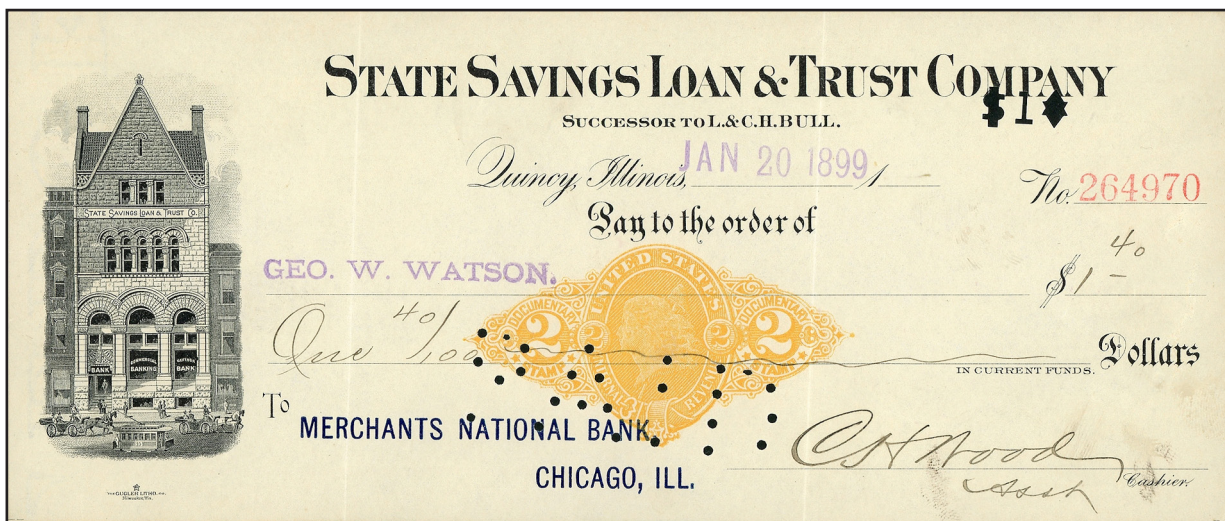


Figure 5. Draft issued by the State Street Savings Loan and Trust Company, successor to L. & C. H. Bull., on Jan 20 1899 against the Merchants National Bank of Chicago, ILL. Revenue imprint and vignette of bank are in conventional locations.



Figure 6. Draft issued by the State Street Savings Loan and Trust Company, undated, against the Merchants National Bank of Chicago, Ill. The location of the revenue imprint and vignette of the bank have changed positions from those shown in Figure 5 and the vignette is printed in a gray-green instead of the more conventional black.



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2. Photo of bank.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4ffld3>

3. Osborn Bio and Photo

<https://tinyurl.com/yccest9ts>

4. <https://tinyurl.com/ydbpvgkv>

5. E.J. Parker

<http://www.whig.com/20161120/quincy-couple-make-rare-journey-to-alaska-in-1895#>

6. Death of Parker

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5mqtps>

## For the Record

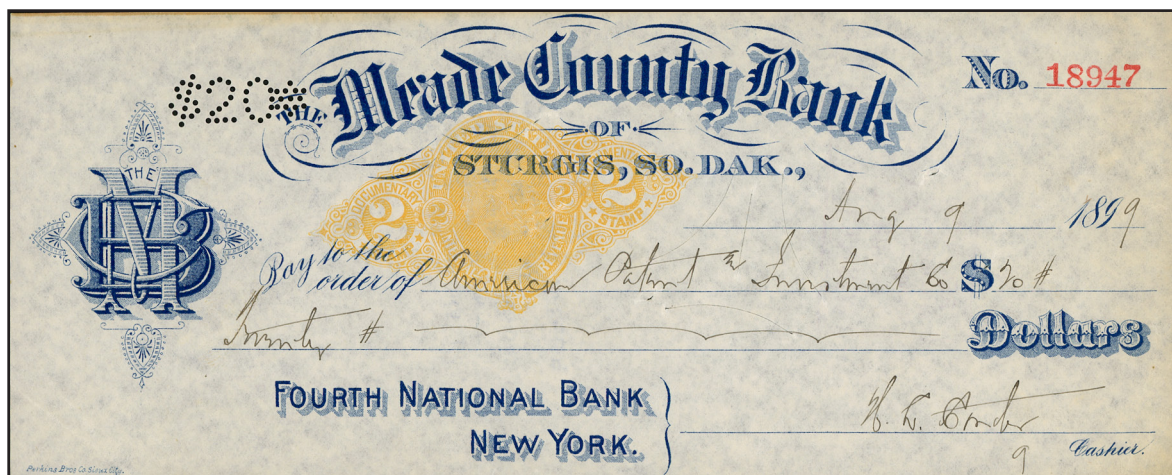
The other two State Savings and Loan drafts with tilted imprints. The secondary banks **are** color coded.

Judging by dates of use, the drafts with tilted imprints were used after those with conventionally placed imprints.





So far as we know, the State Savings and Loan is the only financial institution to have specified tilted imprints. Of course, there are other tilted imprints which were not intentional.



Three examples of unintentionally tilted imprints.



## An Existential Question

Hermann Ivester

Since issue number 29 of The Check Collector issued for the first quarter of 1994 Bob Hohertz has served as the Editor. You are reading this in issue number 126, the 98th issue edited by Bob spanning 24 and one half years. We have all benefitted from the exemplary job Bob has done as Editor, but no one can go on forever. He announced in the last issue of TCC for 2017 that 2018 would be his last year as Editor and asked that someone volunteer for the job. As of my writing this no one has done so.

The Check Collector is the glue that holds the American Society of Check Collectors together. Without a dedicated and knowledgeable editor the ASCC cannot survive for long, nor does it have any reason to. I earnestly hope that we do not reach the point of dissolution.

If anyone is interested in succeeding Bob and keeping the Society and TCC going please contact Bob and discuss the requirements of the job. Bob promised in his announcement that he will work with the new Editor in getting the format set up, whether it be the same as is being used or not, and to help in any other way.

Bob is not going away. He intends to continue to write for TCC, and has tentatively agreed to be the Society's webmaster for at least a while. And he has promised to write for the magazine.

## A Find in the Marketplace

by Hermann Ivester

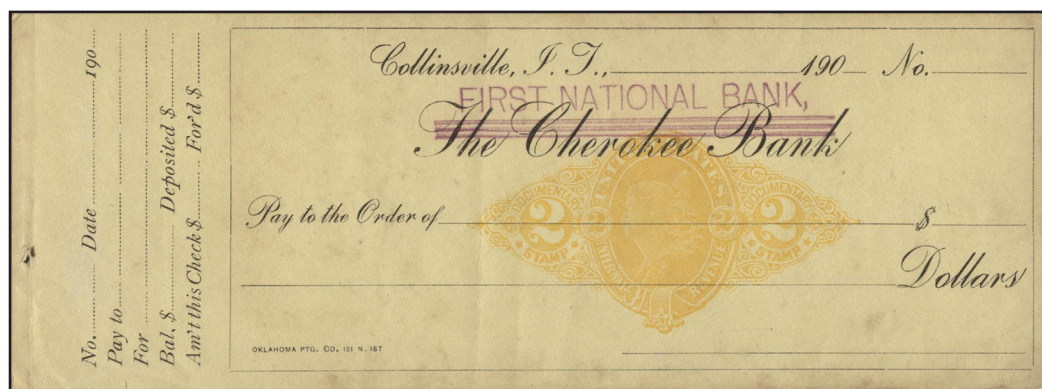
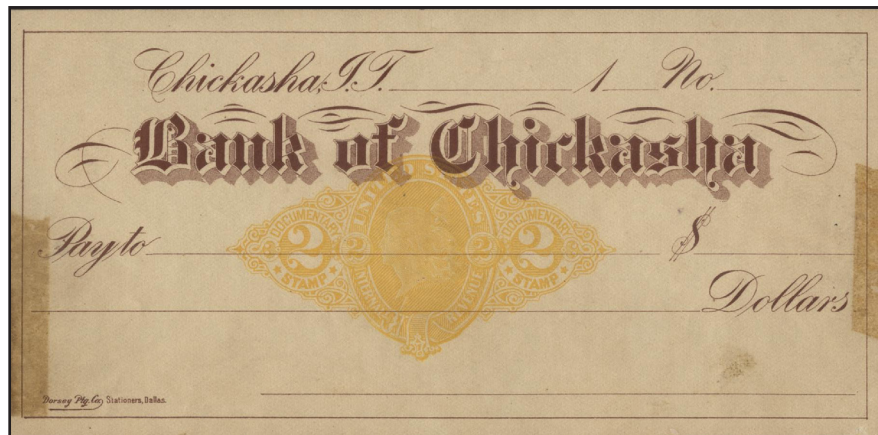
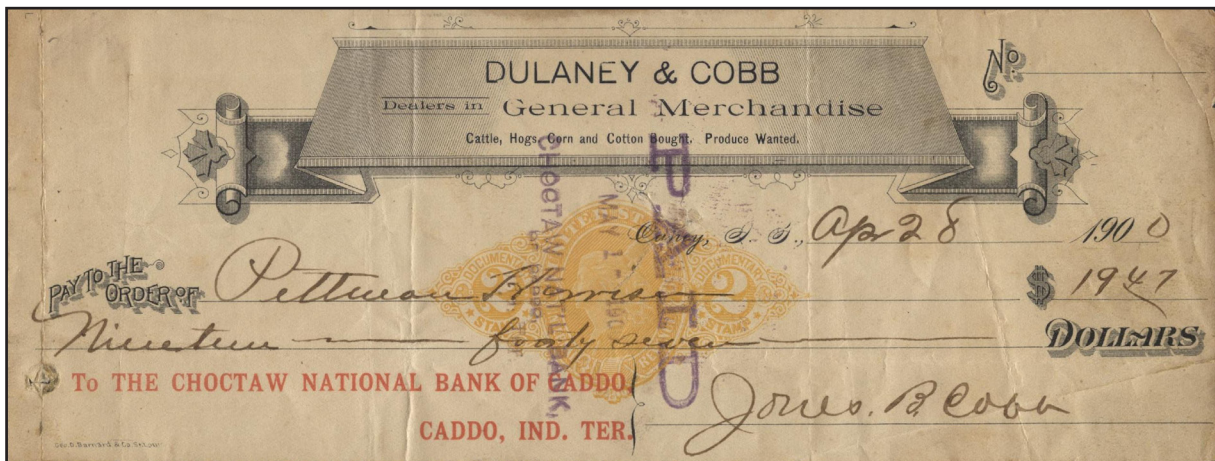


I recently acquired the receipt shown here in an eBay lot along with a few nondescript items. Although with the RN-C16 revenue imprint the Scott catalog value of the receipt is \$350, the best thing about it is the vignette. The audacious image of a bear walking upright with a load of merchants Malloy, Boynton & Van Cleaf's wares on its back and waving their sign is just too good not to share.

Very few serious bankers, businessmen, or individuals had the creativity or daring to risk injecting humor into a formal financial document. No comparable vignette comes to mind, but I know better than to say there is not one or even several, for I would surely be proven wrong. At the least, humorous vignettes are very unusual.



## Additions to the Inventory of Indian Territory Imprinted Checks



Location	Bank	Printer	Color	Vignette/ User	Printed Dateline
Caney	Choctaw B of Caddo	GDB	tan	Dulaney & Cobb	190_
Chickasha	B of Chickasha	DPC	tan		1__
Collinsville	First NB alt from the Cherokee B	OkC	tan		190_



## Pennsylvania Non-bank Paper 4

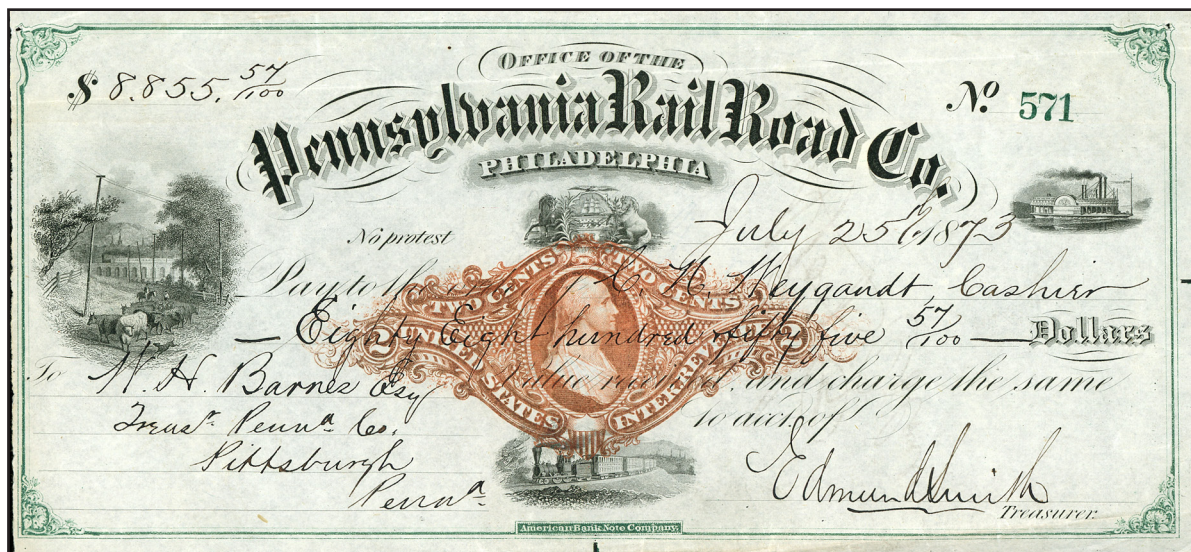
by Bob Hohertz

Last issue we saw the first of a series of Pennsylvania Railroad Company merchants' drafts designed to collect various balances from other Railroads or companies with which they did business. We will cover their other drafts in this issue.

The remaining drafts in this series correlate nicely with the remaining types of imprints which I can show.

### RN J5

Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania Rail Road Company	ABN	18__	Draft
Philadelphia	Smith, Ackley V.	M&C	187__	Check



See Page 18 for the Smith check.

### RN K6

Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania Rail Road Company	ABN	18__	Draft



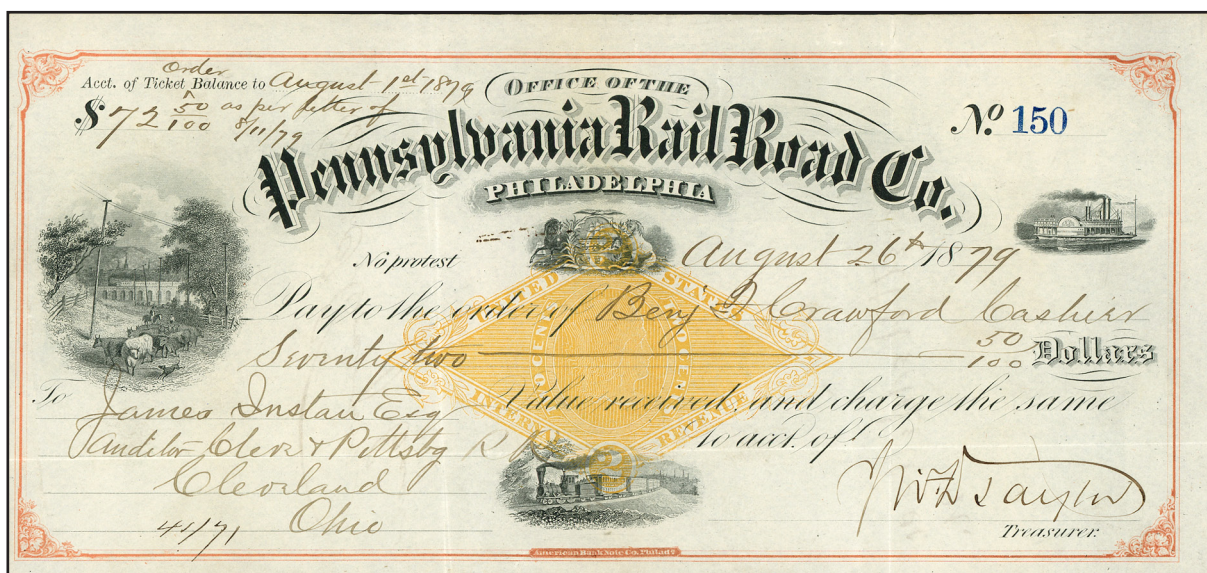
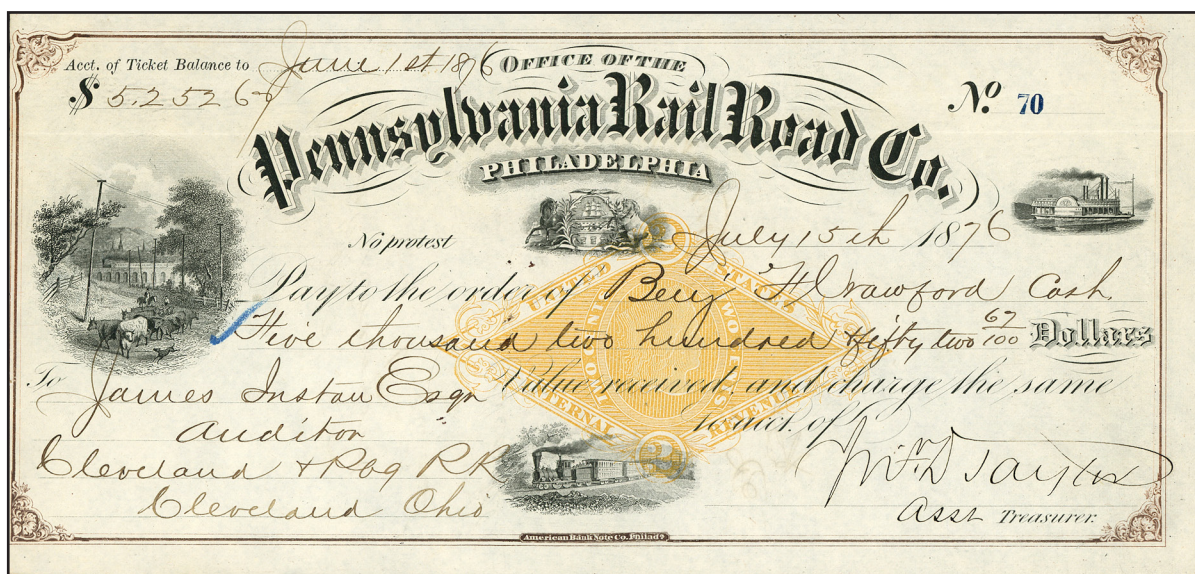


It's tempting to think of the next three drafts, each printed with a different color of frame, as being color coded for some reason. This is the first time that "Acct. of Ticket Balances to ....." is printed in the upper left corner on any of them, and it is not there on the one on the next page, so perhaps that is why the different color of borders was used.

My example on the next page was used three years after the later of the other two, so we can't tell whether a green border without ticket balance wording was used at the same time as a red border with the wording, say. If anyone has a green border copy used from 1875 to 1879, please send a scan to show in a subsequent issue.

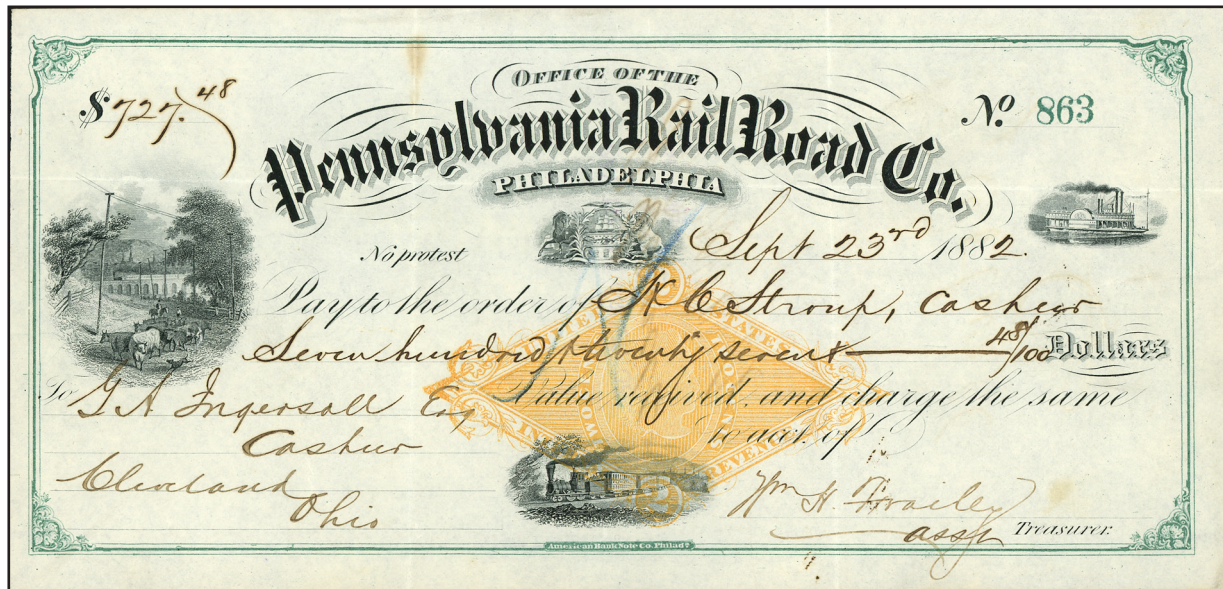
## RN G1

Location	User	Printer	Printed Dateline	Type of Document
Philadelphia	Pennsylvania Rail Road Company three colors of border	ABN	18__	Draft
Philadelphia	North Pennsylvania Railroad Co.		187__	Draft
Philadelphia	Northh Pennsylvania Railrao Co.	H&B	187__	Draft
Smethport	Byron D. Hamlin & Son	WmM	187__	Check

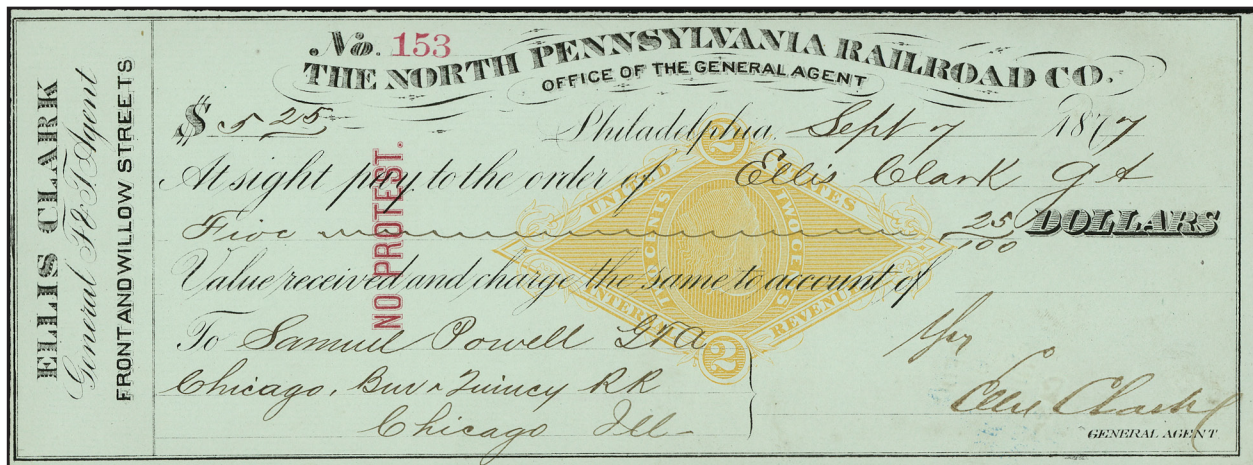


Two Pennsylvania Rail Road Co. drafts with the Ticket Balance wording at upper left.





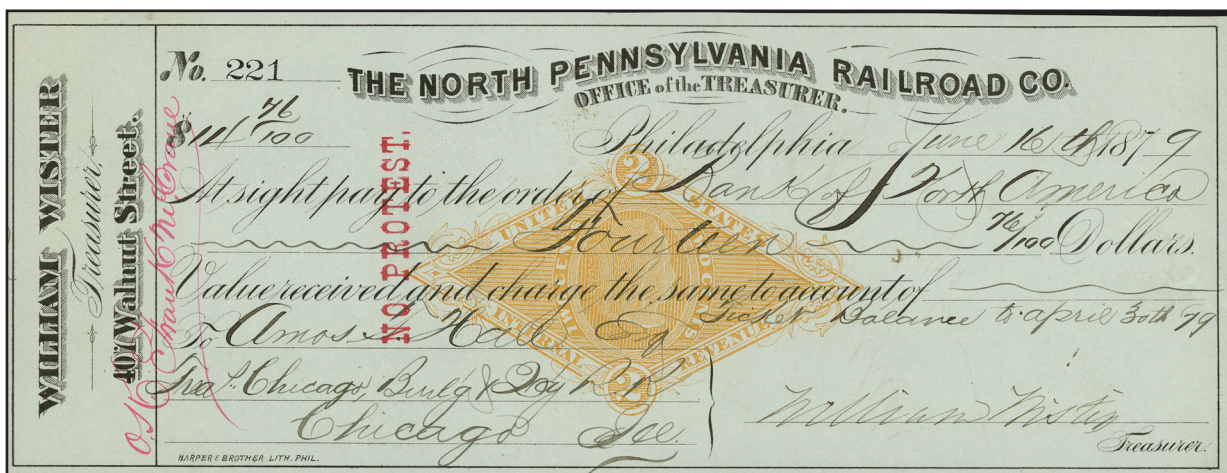
This draft, used in 1882, does not have the Ticket Balance wording at upper left.



The North Philadelphia Railroad Company was founded in 1852 as the Philadelphia, Eastern and Water Gap, but changed its name to the less provincial-sounding NPRR a year later. It began running trains in 1855, and within a year was involved in the Great Train Wreck of 1856, with a loss of life around 60 it was the deadliest railroad catastrophe in the world up to that time. Two trains, traveling in opposite directions, met where the tracks converged, with predictable results.

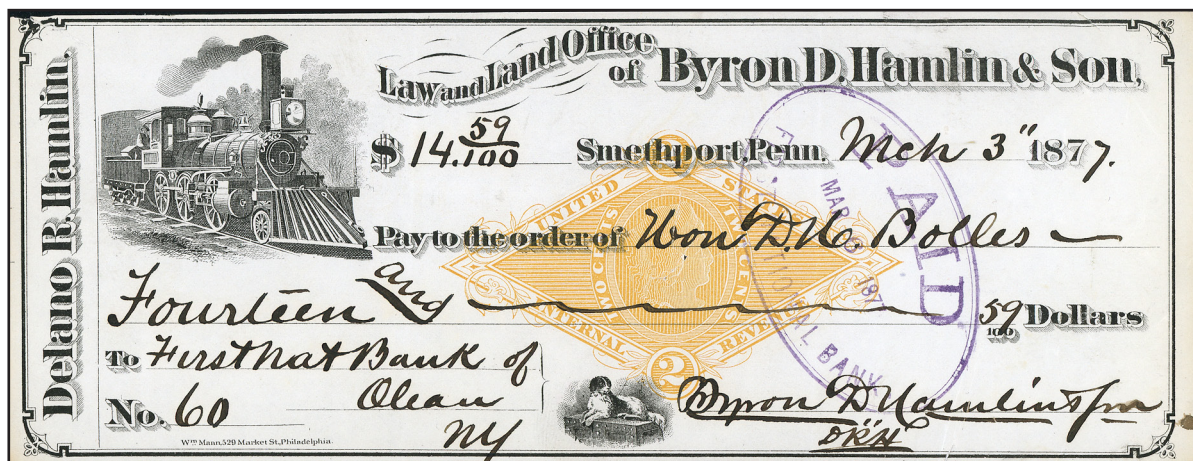
Ellis Clark was the General Freight Agent of the North Pennsylvania. Most of his surviving checks were written on the Manufacturers' National Bank of Philadelphia, and were listed under that bank in Peter Robin's survey of Pennsylvania banks. This and the following draft were not, as there is no bank involved.





William Wister was the Treasurer of the North Pennsylvania, and most of his checks were also listed under the Manufacturers' National Bank in the earlier survey.

Shortly before this draft was written, in May of 1879, the Railroad was leased to the Reading Company. It was operated under its own name and existed as a company until 1976, when Reading went bankrupt and it was merged into Conrail.



Byron Delano Hamlin was a corporate attorney, a state senator and a founder of the Buffalo and McKean Railroad, which hauled coal for the Buffalo Coal Company.

Delano R. Hamlin was Byron Delano's only son. He also became a lawyer, but was subject to ill health, and predeceased his father by some twenty years.

This finishes the listing of my far from exhaustive collection of Pennsylvania non-bank fiscal paper that bears Civil War imprints. Next issue we will move on to Spanish American War era paper.

To be continued.



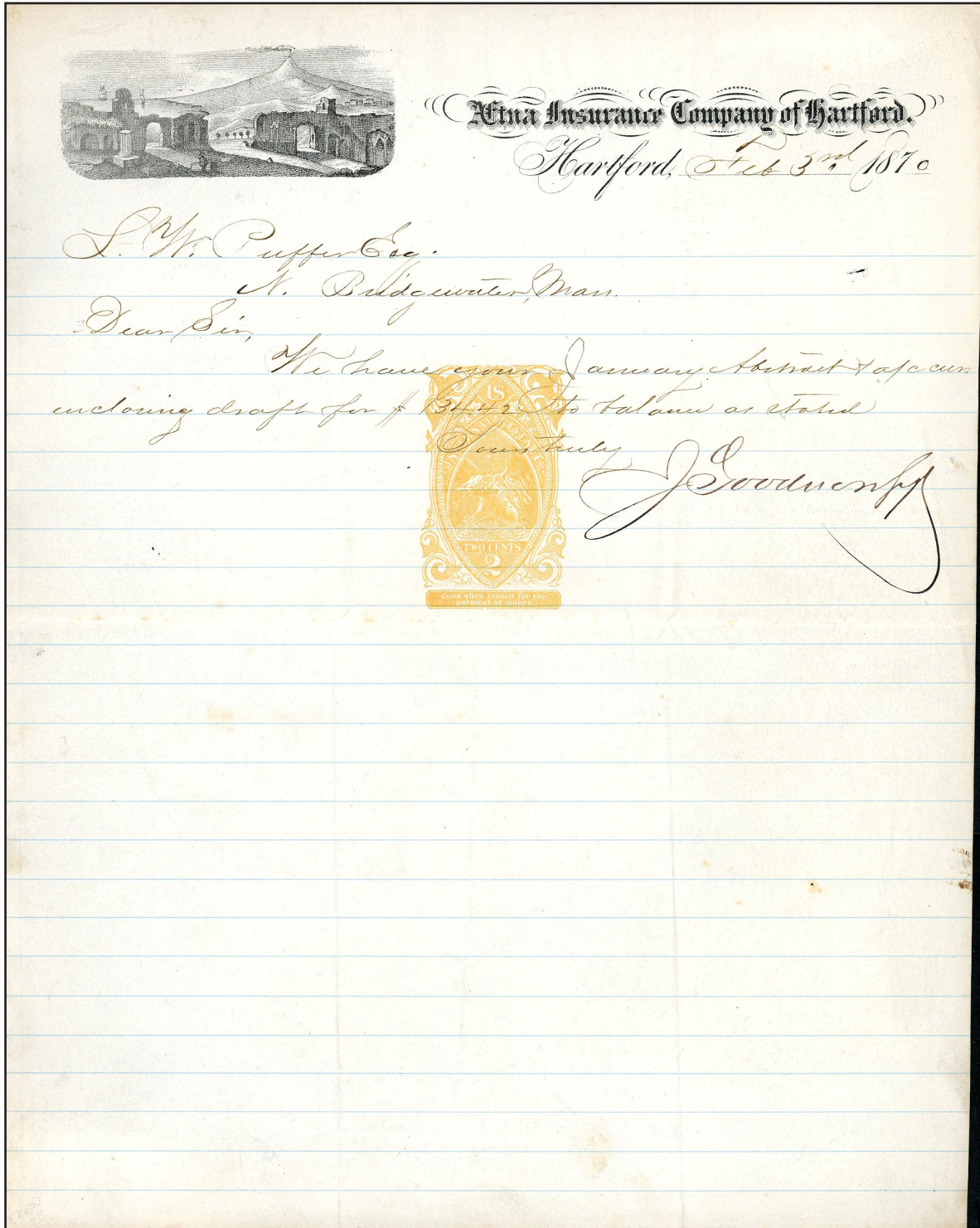
## Connecticut Revenue Stamped Paper (RSP) Bank Checks and Related Documents - Part 4 - by Don Woodworth

Geographic Location	Issuing Agency	Individual Account	Type Color	Paper Color	Printer	Remarks	C / NC
<b>RN B17</b>	<b>CHECKS</b>						
Norwich	Norwich NB (ms over Second NB)	Edwin Fay	Green, Red	White	Hor		NC
<b>RN B20</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Bristol		A.J. Sessions	Black	White	-		NC
Hartford		Aetna Ins Co. of Hartford	Black	White	-		NC
Hartford		Weatherby, Knous & Pelton	Black	White	K&B		C
New Haven		Bushnell & Dewell	Black	White	PCr		C
Portland		Heath & Smith Mfg Co.	Black	White	WCR	Unused	NC
<b>RN C1</b>	<b>CHECKS</b>						
Birmingham	Birmingham N B	Birmingham Iron Foundry	Black	White	K&B		NC
Bridgeport	Bridgeport N B		Green	White	CFK		C
Bridgeport	Bridgeport N B		Blue	White	VKC	Train vignette bottom; Justice left	NC



Bridgeport	Connecticut N B	Connecticut at left	Blue	White	CFK		NC
Bridgeport	Connecticut N B	Connecticut at left	Green	White	CFK		NC
Bridgeport	Connecticut N B	Bridgeport Gas Light Company			S&Y	Vignette of Indian woman at left	C
East Canaan	N Iron B	Barnum Richardson	Violet	White	CLB		C

Geographic Location	Issuing Agency	Individual Account	Type Color	Paper Color	Printer	Remarks	C/ NC
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To be continued



## Another Pennsylvania Non-Bank Check



Listed on Page 12, this check does not contain any printed reference to a bank, and the bank filled in happens to be located in New York, not Pennsylvania. Ackley V. Smith does not seem to have left any trace on the current internet,

so we do not know why he was using more than one bank (else why not have a bank name printed on his checks?) Nor why he was using one in New York.

## Notes on the Checks on the Cover



The Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company was founded in 1849 to provide gas to residences and businesses in Chicago. It was active at the time of the Chicago fire, and only quick action kept its South Side storage from providing a massive explosion.

In 1896 it was one of the original companies included in the very first Dow Jones Industrial Average. Needless to say, it was removed many years ago, as General Electric, another original company, is being removed now.

Hall, Kimbark and Company was founded in 1853 by E.G. Hall. It was originally E.G. Hall & Company, with Kimbark as a junior member. In 1860 the name was changed to Hall & Kimbark, and by 1873 it was Kimbark & Company.

The firm dealt in hardware and heavy iron products, along with some large wooden items such as wagon bodies.

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Wanted: "Manuscript" aka completely handwritten checks. All states and dates (generally pre-1900. **Sheldon Rabin**, 1820 Sheep Ranch Loop, Chula Vista, CA, 91913-1659, sheldonrabin@yahoo.com.

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Resignations	1
Deaths	0
Undeliverable	0
Dropped - Not Paid	0
No Forwarding Address	0
Adjustments	0
Current Total	126

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